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PENICILLIN PLANT EXCEEDS QUOTA;
NEW HOSPITALS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The Moscow Penicillin Factory has retained the award of the Council of Ministers and the VTSRS for more than 15 months. In an attempt to prolong the period the workers of the factory are undertaking a factory-wide efficiency program whereby the yearly quota is to be fulfilled by 7 November 1949. The yearly quota had been filled by 97.5 percent on 20 October.

The workers of the Moscow Salicylic Factory are attempting to fulfill the annual production quota by 7 November 1949. Many of the workers have undertaken to study two or more trades, thus lending to the efficiency of operations. For example, in the benzonaphthol shop many of the workers have become expert metal-workers, thus making it possible for them to repair their own equipment.

Many new therapeutic institutions are being organized. A new 75-bed somatological hospital for children has been opened at Luga. Many of the old buildings in Stavropol' Krai are being modernized during October. Construction has started on buildings to house three new departments at the Cherkesskiy Oblast Hospital. An infection department has been established at Vorontsovo-Aleksandrovskiy Rayon Hospital. The coal miners at the Stavropol' Ugol' Trust are being afforded the services of a modernized and enlarged hospital.

The Presidium of the Academy of Medical Sciences USSR has passed a temporary resolution governing the work of active and corresponding members who are attached to activities which are in no way affiliated with the Academy of Medical Sciences. Personnel in the above-named categories will contact institutes affiliated with the Academy for equipment and materials necessary for carrying out their research. Such personnel will conduct research independently, but must have their programs approved by specific institutes or bureaus of the Academy. Progress reports as well as accounts must be submitted to interested bureaus and institutes of the Academy of Medical Sciences, not less than once a year.

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A new apothecary store has been organized at Tigil', Koryak National Okrug. It is fully equipped, even to supplying requirements for penicillin, sulfidine, streptocide, and other new biologicals. Other apothecaries have been opened at Agni-Afanas'yevsk, Nizhne-Amursk Oblast, and at the Combine imeni Kirov, Sobolev Rayon. Preparations are being completed for the establishment of some 20 apothecaries at Kamchatka and Nizhne Amur fisheries. Fifty qualified druggists and pharmacists have been assigned to these northern outposts of medicine.

A report from Fergana states that the Fergana Blood Donor's Station has almost completed a record year. There is always a long waiting list of volunteers.

Authorities of the laboratory of the Urological Clinic, First Moscow Order of Lenin Medical Institute, revealed the existence of a new rapid method for determining the presence of tubercle bacillus in the kidneys by the Stab culture method using a blood-agar culture medium. A definite reading can be made after 4 days, as contrasted with the old method, which required anywhere up to and beyond 15 days.

Medical facilities at Tuva have been greatly expanded in the postwar period. This expansion has been greatly aided by such natural resources as healing muds, which have made it possible to establish many health resorts. The government of the Soviet Union is paying particular attention to the health and well-being of the workers of the Tuva Autonomous Oblast, and has to date sent more than 78 health specialists to maintain the workers' health. In 1950 a 200-bed hospital will be built at Kyzyl.

Cities in the western oblasts are preparing for the celebration of the Great October Revolution and the end of the year. F. D. Taygankov, chief of the Rovno Oblast Public Health Department, revealed that the 1949 plan for the development of local health facilities had already been completed. Z. M. Kruglov, Chief of the Drogobych Public Health Department stated that oblast health facilities had grown remarkably since 1932. Today there are at least seven specialists assigned to each of the rayons. The community building method is being utilized to construct a 50-bed hospital in Medenitskiy Rayon, and another 50-bed hospital is being constructed at Drogobych. V. A. Cherednichenko, chief of the Oblast Public Health Department in Stanislaw, revealed that in 1949 more than 65 million rubles had been spent for improving the medical facilities. He announced that there is not a single rural region which does not have at least seven specialists.

Much construction is in evidence around Voroshilovgrad. Very shortly the inside of a two-story hospital will be completed at Mine Number 10 imeni Artem. It will have facilities for 60 beds. The Vodnikovskiy Mine Hospital is being expanded. A three-story building is being constructed at Kadiyevka to serve as a polyclinic for miners.

A new multistory building, has been completed on the compound which contains the Hospital imeni Lenin. The Hospital imeni Stepanov-Skvortsov is being expanded in order to accommodate 55 more bed patients.

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